

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Nofs. (1/19)

Representative Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Chair Accavitti laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 4562	Accavitti	Public utilities; electric utilities; certain providers of electric service; require to comply with portfolio standard for renewable energy.
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HB 4539	Robert Jones	Public utilities; electric utilities; requirement for utilities to produce a certain portion of electricity for sale through renewable sources; provide for.
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HB 4319	Walker	Public utilities; electric utilities; requirement for utilities to produce a certain portion of electricity for sale through renewable sources; provide for.
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Representative Walker spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 4319 and answered questions.

Chair Accavitti spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of HB 4562 and answered questions.

Representative Robert Jones spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4539 and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4562, HB 4539, and HB 4319:

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition, in support of HB 4562

Rich VanderVeen, representing Mackinaw Power, in support of HB 4562

The following individuals submitted cards but were unable to address the Committee due to time restraints:

Lydia Fischer, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter, in support of HB 4539
Jim Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association, in opposition to HB 4562, HB 4539 and HB 4319
Zoe Lipman, representing the National Wildlife Federation, in support of HB 4539
Greg Clark, representing Indiana-Michigan Power, in opposition to RPS legislation
Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in opposition to HB 4562, HB 4539 and HB 4319
David Gard, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support of HB 4539
Kim Pargoff, representing Environment Michigan, in support of HB 4539 and HB 4562 with amendments
Bill McMaster, representing the Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation, in opposition to HB 4562, HB 4539, and HB 4319

The following individuals submitted cards but did not wish to address the Committee:

Terry VanderVeen, representing Noble Environmental Power, in support of HB 4562, HB 4539 and HB 4319
Evan Peterson, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in support of HB 4562
James A. Croce, representing NextEnergy, in support of HB 4562
Gary Melow, representing the Michigan Wood Power Producers, in support of HB 4562
Jennifer Alvarado, representing the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, in support of HB 4562
Chuck Hadden, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in opposition to HB 4562, HB 4539 and HB 4319
Fritz Benson, representing the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE), in opposition to mandatory RPS
John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, in opposition to product mandates

The following individuals were available to answer questions:

George Stojic and Julie Baldwin, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission
Richard A. Polich, representing Energy Options and Solutions, in support

Chair Accavitti stated that the Committee will continue to work on HB 4562, HB 4539 and HB 4319.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:58 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

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